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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-cited Application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 49-54 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A mollusc repellent composition according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the methal is selected from the group of iron(II) or iron(III), [aluminium] aluminum, zinc, or copper.

5. (Amended) A mollusc repellent according to [any one of claims 2 to 4] claim 2,

wherein the non-transition metal is potassium.